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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505
24 MAR 1964

Commission No. 631

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin

SUBJECT: CIA Dissemination of Information on Lee Harvey OSWALD, dated 10 October 1963

1. Reference is made to paragraph three of your letter, dated 16 March 1964. You requested that the Commission be furnished a copy of the dissemination on Lee Harvey OSWALD made to several Government agencies by CIA on 10 October 1963.

2. An exact copy of this dissemination (Out Message No. 74673) by teletype, is attached. It was transmitted to the Department of State, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of the Navy. A copy was concurrently made available by hand to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

3. Please note that OSWALD's middle name was erroneously given as "Henry" in the subject line and in paragraph two of the dissemination. (The same error occurs in the message to the Navy discussed in paragraph four, below.) The maiden surname of Mrs. OSWALD was mistakenly listed as "PUSAKOVA".

4. On 23 October (the correct date), a teletyped message (Out No. 77978) was sent to the Department of the Navy referring to Out No. 74673, and requesting that the Navy furnish CIA as soon as possible two copies of the most recent photograph of OSWALD that was available, for use in checking the identity of the Lee OSWALD in Mexico City. These photographs had not been supplied to this Agency by 22 November 1963. Our conclusion that the photograph did not refer to OSWALD was based on press photos generally available on 23 November 1963.

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5. This memorandum and the attachments convey information originating with very sensitive sources and methods. They therefore bear an appropriate sensitivity indicator.

Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

Attachments:
A - Copy of Out Message 74673
B - Copy of Out Message 77978

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Attachment A

Out Message No. 74673, dated 10 October 1963 and filed at 0800 hours, to Department of State, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of the Navy.

Subject: Lee Henry OSWALD

1. On 1 October 1963 a reliable and sensitive source in Mexico reported that an American male, who identified himself as Lee OSWALD, contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City inquiring whether the Embassy had received any news concerning a telegram which had been sent to Washington. The American was described as approximately 35 years old, with an athletic build, about six feet tall, with a receding hairline.

2. It is believed that OSWALD may be identical to Lee Henry OSWALD, born on 18 October 1939 in New Orleans, Louisiana. A former U.S. Marine who defected to the Soviet Union in October 1959 and later made arrangement through the United States Embassy in Moscow to return to the United States with his Russian-born wife, Marina Nikolaevna Pusakova, and their child.

3. The information in paragraph one is being disseminated to your representatives in Mexico City. Any further information received on this subject will be furnished you.

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This information is being made available to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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Out Teletype Message No. 77978, dated 23 October 1963 and filed at 1410 hours, to the Department of the Navy.

Subject: Lee Henry OSWALD

Reference is made to CIA Out Teletype No. 74673, dated 10 October 1963, regarding possible presence of subject in Mexico City. It is requested that you forward to this office as soon as possible two copies of the most recent photograph you have of subject. We will forward them to our representative in Mexico, who will attempt to determine if the Lee OSWALD in Mexico City and subject are the same individual.

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